

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A distributed printing system and a distributed printing method are provided in which when print requests rush into a printer controller, a load is also made to be borne by a print client so as to perform processing in a well balanced manner. The distributed printing system of the present invention includes a print client 101 for creating PDL data based on a print request of a user, a printer controller 102 for delivering raster data created after raster image processing of the PDL data thus created to a printer engine 103 to print the raster data, and an RIP distribution control means capable of making the raster image processing distributed among and performed by the print client and the printer controller. This RIP distribution control means includes RIP function parts 13a, 23b arranged in the above-mentioned print client and printer controller, respectively, an RIP host selection function part 21 and an RIP host data part 22 for making the RIP function part 13a of the print client perform raster image processing when an amount of accumulation waiting for raster image processing in the printer controller becomes equal to or greater than a threshold.